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REDS CAPTURE VILNA, BEGIN BIG MASSACRE

CIVILIANS ARE KILLED BECAUSE POLES RESISTED AND FOUGHT STUBBORNLY

GERMANS ASSIST BOLSHIEVICS

Paderewski Makes Appeal to Patriotism—Willing to Sacrifice All to Please Allies

Warsaw, Jan. 10.—Vilna has fallen into the hands of the Bolshevik army, several thousand strong, which drove out the Polish militia. A massacre of civilians began at once, partly because the Poles had offered resistance and had arrested or shot the members of the local Bolshevik committees.

The Polish troops who had no cannon and only a few cartridges per rifle and were under command of General Veitko, retreated to Lano-varova, where they were disarmed by the Germans and sent to Bialystok. There they were robbed by the Germans and were started off for Polish territory. Lemberg, where the Poles are defending themselves against the Ruthenians, appears safe for the time being.

The political situation at Warsaw is stationary. As a result of interviews which Ignace Jan Paderewski has had with General Pilsudski, Paderewski had agreed to form a new cabinet, provided the socialists in the ministry withdraw from their predominating position. General Pilsudski expressed himself as not wishing to use his authority to force the withdrawal of these socialists.

Paderewski is working hard and making appeals to patriotism. He declares that he himself is willing to sacrifice every ambition if only a cabinet can be formed which the allies can recognize and extend aid. General Pilsudski and other leaders are being told very plainly that the allies will help only when Poland is internally united.

BANK ROBBER DAVIS TO BE SENTENCED MONDAY

Portland, Jan. 10.—Arthur C. Davis, recently arrested at San Francisco, pleaded guilty of robbing the East Side Bank here of approximately \$40,000. He will be sentenced Monday.

ALASKA'S MINING NOT FALLING OFF

Seattle, Wash., Jan. 10.—Alaska's gold fields, the first big discovery of which 20 years ago flashed the northern territory to the front as a mineral producer and lured hundreds of stampedeers north, give every promise of increased production in 1919, according to a review of Alaska mining in 1918 issued here by J. L. McPherson, secretary of the Alaska Bureau of the Seattle Chamber of Commerce.

Gold, coal, copper, silver and other mines of Alaska were hit hard by the war. "There is no truth in the report, however, that no mining was done in Alaska in 1918," Mr. McPherson said. "Despite the shortage of labor and transportation, the high cost of materials and supplies mining development in Alaska during 1918 showed material progress in the opening of many new properties and the enlargement of plants and equipment."

15,000 AMERICANS IN RUSSIAN FORCE

Senator Hitchcock Says Yanks Are There as Necessary "War Measure"—Replicates to Johnson

Washington, Jan. 10.—There are 15,000 American troops in Russia. They were sent there as an "important war measure." They have been received in friendly spirit by those with whom they went to cooperate.

These statements were made to the senate today by Senator Hitchcock, chairman of the foreign relations committee. Hitchcock, in answer to repeated requests for information concerning this government's policy in Russia, gave instead, a statement of facts, but did not discuss questions of policy.

"Recently the administration has been the subject of attacks on account of its Russian policy," he said. "On the one side it is criticized for failure to yield to the desires of Great Britain and France and send large forces into Russia for the purpose of pacification and the restoration of civilized conditions. On the other, it has been criticized by the senator from California, Mr. Johnson, who on several occasions has directed his remarks to the committee on foreign relations and demanded to know why our soldiers are in Russia, how many are there, and why they fight the Russian Bolshevik in the absence of any declaration of war on them by congress."

COMMISSIONER GALLOWAY'S MOTHER CRITICALLY ILL

Salem, Ore., Jan. 10.—State Tax Commissioner Charles Galloway has been called to the bedside of his mother, wife of former Circuit Judge Wm. Galloway. She is critically ill.

MONTANA MEN CLAIM THEY WERE BUNCOED

Great Falls, Mont., Jan. 10.—The local federal employment office will handle the claims of Montana men who went to Nitro, W. Va., to work in a munitions plant but returned, declaring wages and conditions were not as represented.

Captain F. E. Townsend, United States army, has returned to Washington, D. C., to make a report on the matter, after a tour of those cities of the state which furnished the labor. The government, it is stated is willing to do anything reasonable in the matter, but many of the claims turned in, Captain Townsend declared, were too large.

The men will receive their railway fare, where they paid it, and other expenses. Governor Sam V. Stewart also will be reimbursed. When a trainload of men were returning, they telegraphed the governor that they were without food or funds and he rescued them from the dilemma out of his own pocket.

BIG STRIKE IS ON IN ARGENTINE REPUBLIC

Buenos Ayres, Jan. 10.—A general strike was declared throughout the Argentine republic at midnight last night.

NAVAL FORCE OF 225,000 BEGINNING NEXT JULY

Washington, Jan. 10.—The house naval sub-committee has decided upon a naval force of 225,000 men for the year beginning next July.

ANOTHER ATTEMPT TO PASS FAMINE BILL

Washington, Jan. 10.—Administration leaders, after a canvass of the house rules committee, have decided to make another attempt tomorrow to obtain rule for immediate consideration of the \$100,000,000 famine relief bill. They claim sufficient votes.

DRAWN BATTLE BETWEEN FORCES AT HUN CAPITAL

Spartans Putting Up Stubborn Fight to Repel Government Forces, Whose Troops Are Ordered to Shoot to Kill Without Waiting For Foes to Begin Hostilities

Berlin, Jan. 10.—The government forces have incomplete control of the section of the inner city, between the Brandenburg gate and Friedrichstrasse, and has issued an order prohibiting all processions and ordering its troops to fire without waiting for the Spartans to begin, and to shoot to kill.

London, Jan. 10.—The Ebert government is steadily gaining ground at Berlin. The Spartans group is losing, although showing great determination. The government is bringing large forces into the city and has control of the railways.

It is reported that the Berlin garrison, which was formerly neutral, has gone over to the government, as also have some of the elements of the Spartans.

Amsterdam, Jan. 10.—The Frankfort Gazette contradicts the reports

SAYS RUSSIA IS MORE DEMOCRATIC THAN U. S.

Portland, Ore., Jan. 10.—"United States troops now intervening in Russia are international scabs and I was in favor of incorporating a statement to that effect in this resolution on the Russian situation," declared Floyd Hyde, delegate from Shipwrights' local 1020, on the floor before the State Federation of Labor convention yesterday morning.

"Why should we intervene just when the people are getting their rights? Russia right now has a more democratic government than we have—the Soviet represents more than 80 per cent of the people which is a better representation than we are getting," he stated.

The stories of rice riots in Japan appearing in the press, Hyde declared, were fakes, a part of a "consistent propaganda of misinformation being carried on by the press." The rice riots, he said were really demonstrations on the part of the Japanese demanding that their troops be withdrawn from Russia and that intervention cease.

DOGS WILL BE SHOVED OUT IN COLD WORLD

Salem, Ore., Jan. 10.—Warden Stephens announced today that 40 dogs, property of individual prisoners, must be out of the penitentiary by January 15. The Warden says the dogs have been supported at the state's expense.

PRESSURE BEING BROUGHT ON SULLEN TURKS

London, Jan. 10.—The allies have notified Turkey that unless the Turkish force at Medina lays down its arms immediately the forest at the Dardanelles will be destroyed.

The Turks have shown an unwillingness to surrender in accordance with the armistice terms, but all the garrisons except that at Medina, which is the largest in Arabia laid down their arms through peaceful persuasion.

Fakhri Pasha, Turkish commander at Medina, offered one excuse after another until the allies were forced to send an ultimatum to the Turkish government.

WELFARE OF STATE IS LOOKED AFTER

Reconstruction Convention Getting Down to Brass Tacks—Labor Problem Main Issue

Portland, Ore., Nov. 10.—As sincere an effort must be made to provide the returning soldier with employment as was made to keep him fighting at the front.

Unemployment must be kept down to a negligible point in Oregon this year.

The most fertile field for the growth of I. W. W. and Bolshevism is an idle man. These evils must not be given encouragement by having a lot of men walking the streets of Portland looking for work.

There are now in Portland between 5,000 and 6,000 idle men, representing an accumulation dating only from the Christmas holidays.

Labor and capital must meet on a common footing to keep the ranks of the unemployed from swelling to larger proportions.

These were some of the high notes sounded at the opening of the reconstruction convention at the Municipal Auditorium in talks by Henry L. Corbett, president of the Portland Chamber of Commerce; Mayor George L. Baker, and Wilfred F. Smith, state director of the federal employment bureau.

About 100 delegates from various sections of the state were present.

Speakers this morning made urgent pleas that no work be put off until spring that can be done now. It was pointed out that the convention was called as an emergency measure to counteract possible wholesale unemployment. The necessity of old industries expanding and of new industries developing was said to be keen if the army of men who are gradually drifting back into civil life is to be absorbed without industrial disturbance.

Wilfred F. Smith, state director of the federal employment bureau, who probably knows as much about economic conditions in Oregon as any other man, warned the delegates that I. W. W. and Bolshevism can be met and defeated on any other field except unemployment.

"A man without work and hungry soon loses his integrity, no matter how strong his character may have been," said Smith. "A man with a job is a property unit. Without a job he is a panic unit. And let me tell you that a panic unit is a most fertile field for the seed of the I. W. W. and the Bolsheviks."

F. S. Bramwell, of this city, vice president of the Oregon Chamber of Commerce, and E. W. Allen, who is representing the Grants Pass Chamber of Commerce, are present at the meeting.

"FLU" IN PORTLAND IS WORSE

Portland, Ore., Jan. 10.—That the influenza situation in Portland is more widespread and more violent than at any time since the plague first swept this city is the opinion of prominent doctors, who predict it will become worse instead of better.

WOULD RATIFY AMENDMENT

Sacramento, Jan. 10.—The federal relations committees of both houses of the California legislature have recommended the ratification of the national prohibition amendment.

FLU PUTS RAILROAD IN RECEIVER'S HANDS

Spokane, Wash., Jan. 10.—An order has been filed in the federal court naming F. E. Conners, of Chicago, receiver of the Spokane & Inland Empire Railway company, which has been losing \$10,000 monthly, due to influenza and increased cost of operation.

STRIKERS PUT UP HARD TERMS AT NEW YORK

PRESIDENT WILSON EXPECTED TO SETTLE DIFFICULTY BY USING THE CABLES

UNCONDITIONAL SURRENDER

Proposal for 48-Hour Resumption of Harbor Activities, Pending Negotiations, Is Rejected

New York, Jan. 10.—Just as word was received that President Wilson was expected to attempt, by cable, the settlement of the New York harbor strike, the marine workers' affiliation officers declared that no solution would be accepted other than "unconditional surrender."

The boat owners' strike committee rejected the proposal of the eastern regional director of railroads for a 48-hour resumption of harbor facilities, pending negotiations.

ALASKA CLAMORS FOR PASSENGER SERVICE

Anchorage, Alaska, Dec. 15.—(By Mail)—Anchorage wants the United States government to operate a passenger and freight steamship line between the states and Alaskan ports. Recently the local chamber of commerce adopted a resolution asking the government to establish the line as a necessary adjunct to the railroad being built by the government between Seward and Fairbanks, two Alaska points.

WILL BE SHOW-DOWN AT MARSHFIELD YARDS

Word comes from Marshfield that the shipyard strike is assuming serious proportions. There is to be a showdown between the employers and the employees. The Coos Bay Shipbuilding company issued the following notice:

"All employees who fail to go to work Thursday, January 9, will be considered as having permanently left our employ. Their cards will be removed and they will be expected to turn in their badges and remove their tools. Payment in full will be made Saturday, January 11."

The strike was precipitated by the employers refusing a request to hire none but union men.

ARE WINNING IN FIGHT AGAINST TYPHOID FEVER

Sacramento, Cal., Jan. 10.—Since 1915 the rate at which typhoid deaths were being reduced in California has been accelerated 200 per cent and a loss to the state in vital capital of \$1,400,000 has been avoided, said the report of the sanitary engineering bureau included in the biennial report of the California state board of health.

"The net result of all the effort at typhoid control," the report said, "has been to reduce the typhoid death rate per hundred thousand in California from 13.6 in 1914, the year before the bureau was created, to 9.7 in 1915, 7.1 in 1916, 7.4 in 1917 and indications are that a rate of 6.8 will be accomplished in 1918. "California is now near the lowest of the states in typhoid death rate and yet there is still a vital loss to the commonwealth by this disease costing over \$1,050,000 a year, which can be reduced only by measures for improved water supplies, sewage and sewage disposal, cleaner streams, cleaner milk, vaccination and the general correction of filth conditions."